

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, line 20 through page 9, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

--The handset 102 has an antenna 108 extending therefrom, and extends the distance within which the cordless handset may electronically communicate with the base station 104. The handset 102 further includes a speaker 116, a microphone 114, and control keypad and display unit 112 for operating the telephone portion of the device 100, as well as for selecting and regulating the audio generated by the audio module 122. The audio controls include audio selection buttons 138, volume control buttons 148, and a mute switch 118.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

--Common to all embodiments is a mute switch 118, 120 disposed on the handset 102, or the base 104, or in both locations, which functions to control the injection of audio into the telephone speaker 116, as well as into the transmit path of the telephone 100. The mute button 118, 120 provide selective control of the simultaneous audio and telephony operations, thereby enabling a connected party to hear the audio generated by the audio module 122 in the background of the conversation. The operation of the mute button allows user of the device to cause the telephonically connected party to listen to audio generated via the audio generated by the audio module 122. In addition, the audio volume controls 138, 148 allow the user to increase or decrease the volume level of the

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audio being injected into the telephone system. Thus both the user and the connected party will here the audio at the same volume level.--